

# Riley County Vision 2025 Committee Meeting

April 19, 2007  
7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Denison Fire Station

## Meeting Summary

### Welcome & Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30p by co-facilitator, Terrie McCants.
- The general public was acknowledged and asked to participate by writing comments/input on cards provided.
- Agenda was modified to include an update on the moratorium discussions being held by the Riley County Commissioners, and to include a planning conference report by Monty Wedel.

### Moratorium Discussion

- BOCC met on April 12, 2007 to discuss options/methods of implementing a moratorium on development to address concerns of a perceived increase of 20-acre splits for residential purposes and the 20-acre exemption from platting/rezoning in general.
- Pros and cons of placing a moratorium on development were discussed, particularly how doing so might affect the work of the Vision 2025 Committee and its charge.
- The idea of hiring planning/development consultants to further work with the Vision 2025 Committee was also discussed and options reviewed.
- The Committee agreed to move forward with their charge as given, and consider outside assistance when implementation tasks were required.

### Planning Conference Report

- Monty Wedel, Director of Planning & Development relayed information he had acquired at a recent conference in Lancaster County, PA.
  1. State programs on transfer and purchase of development rights were reviewed.
  2. Use of maximum lot size to control land use was discussed.
  3. Focus was placed on density of land rather than on minimum lot size.
  4. Disclosure methods were identified.
  5. The idea that farmland is developed as farm land and not undeveloped land was presented.
  6. It was suggested that what is considered agricultural use needs to be diverse enough to allow for future needs.

## **Planning Goals, Objectives and Policies**

- The Committee reviewed each of the proposed/revised Planning Goal Statements. All seven (7) were voted on and approved as revised.
- Residential
  1. Goal, Objective 1, Policies R1-1 through R1-3 were approved.
  2. R1-4 was tabled for subcommittee revision.
  3. Suggestion was to include a policy statement requiring buffer systems be provided between new development and surrounding use, including agricultural.
- Request for input from Committee – should one objective be to identify, inventory, and prioritize agricultural areas? Discussion followed focusing on the criteria for prioritization – who and how that would be done and whether incentives would suffice. The difference between policy and implementation was then discussed. There was consensus from the group to identify, inventory, and prioritize agricultural land.

## **The Way Forward**

- Next Ag Subcommittee meetings were announced.
- Next Full Vision 2025 Committee to be May 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:30p @ Denison Fire Station

## **Adjourned**